

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Mr. Lundregan, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed a bill of the following title, in which the concurrence of the House is requested:

S. 652. An act to provide for a pro-competitive de-regulatory national policy framework designed to accelerate rapidly private sector deployment of advanced telecommunications and information technologies and services to all Americans by opening all telecommunications markets to competition, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate disapproves to the amendment of the House to the bill (S. 219) "An act to ensure economy and efficiency of Federal Government operations by establishing a moratorium on regulatory rulemaking actions, and for other purposes," requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. NICKLES, Mr. STEVENS, Mr. THOMPSON, Mr. GRASSLEY, Mr. GLENN, Mr. LEVIN, and Mr. REID, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Mr. McCathran, one of his secretaries.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The chair will recognize each side for fifteen 1-minutes.

DIME STORE DEFICIT REDUCTION

(Mrs. SEASTRAND asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Mrs. SEASTRAND. Mr. Speaker, earlier this year some Members of Congress were infected with the me too but syndrome. As we discussed welfare reform they would say, "I'm for welfare reform, but" or when we passed a tough crime bill they said, "Me too, but, not that bill."

Now it appears a strain of that virus has infected the White House. President Clinton seems to have come down with me too not as much and I have no details syndrome.

The President told us last week that he was for spending cuts just not as much as Congress and he offered no specifics for his so-called budget plan. He claimed he was for tax cuts for hard working middle class Americans. But the House plan would allow families to keep too much of what they earn. And now we learn this week that the Clinton budget II, still leaves our children with huge annual deficits.

Mr. Speaker, we should not be fooled. As this House is trying to save the next generation from bankruptcy, the President is offering dime store deficit reduction.

STAND UP FOR WORKING PEOPLE

(Ms. JACKSON-LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. JACKSON-LEE. Mr. Speaker, the morning talk shows were having a great time, for they were talking about how the Congress was getting ready as a legislative body of the United States of America to do our own budget. As we address the appropriations for this Congress, there is a lot of smoke and mirrors, and I have come to stand on behalf of the working people.

What are we doing with this appropriation? We are cutting out jobs for working people, the folding room, hard-working citizens who have been working for many, many years, dedicated and loyal, providing mail service to this House—they will lose their jobs. The Printing Office, skilled craftsmen who have been working and contributing to this House, they, too, it seems will lose their jobs. And then the citizens who come to work here, they may be driving a 1967 Chevrolet, but they are coming to the Congress to work. What do we do? We cut out their parking lot just so a few extra dollars can go somewhere else.

Mr. Speaker, if we are going to do real appropriating and let us be real fair, do not cut valuable services and real jobs for working Americans who work in lower level positions. Let us stand on the side of Americans who work, the citizens who come to work every day in the folding room, the Printing Office, and, yes, those individuals who drive far to come to work for the citizens of the United States of America who need just a simple unfancy parking lot to park in.

Smoke and mirrors, that is this appropriation. Vote "no" on this congressional budget appropriation process. There are no real cuts only smoke and mirrors—vote to save jobs.

PORKER OF THE WEEK AWARD

(Mr. HEFLEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HEFLEY. Mr. Speaker, last month 238 employees of the National Immunization Program held a conference at the luxurious Century Plaza Hotel in downtown Beverly Hills.

The event cost \$1,015,900.

This money could be used to immunize 13,500 babies. But I suppose a conference among bureaucrats in beautiful Beverly Hills was more important.

I am told the conference organizers selected Beverly Hills because of a recent outbreak of measles in Los Angeles. I wonder how many of the infected were in Beverly Hills at the time of the conference.

For whittling away taxpayer dollars so that bureaucrats can live high on the hog, the National Immunization Program gets my Porker of the Week Award.

SHAME, WASHINGTON POST

(Mr. TRAFICANT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TRAFICANT. Mr. Speaker, the Washington Post bought eight brand-new printing presses, \$250 million, a quarter of a billion dollars. They got them from Mitsubishi of Japan, who they said was the low bidder over Rockwell International.

Beam me up. How many, Mr. Speaker, how many businesses in Japan buy ads in the Washington Post? How many Japanese read the Washington Post? How many Japanese buy the Washington Post?

Shame, Washington Post. Hide your face, and while you are hiding your face, on behalf of all the workers at Rockwell International who are not allowed to bid in Japanese markets, shove your printing presses up your low bid.

CONGRATULATING THE HOUSE ON CORRECTIONS DAY

(Mr. GINGRICH asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. GINGRICH. Mr. Speaker, I just wanted to take a minute to congratulate the House. Later on today we will pass the provision in the rules which creates Corrections Day. Later, after that, we will establish the bipartisan committee or task force which will be reviewing proposals for Corrections Day. Later, after that, we will establish the bipartisan committee or task force which will be reviewing proposals for Corrections Day.

This is an idea which first developed earlier this year, and people said, "Isn't there some way to correct the bureaucracy when it is doing things that make no sense?" I think it is a sign of real progress that on a bipartisan basis we were able to work out both the arrangement to establish a procedure for Corrections Day and we were able to establish, with the minority leader, a proposal and a list of names so there will be genuine bipartisanship in pursuing this, I think it is an example of working together.

We can get something good done for the American people, and we can cut some of the nonsense out of the Federal Government.

So I commend the Committee on Rules for its diligence, and I commend the gentlewoman from Nevada [Mrs. VUCANOVICH] and the others who worked so hard to make this come true.

WHAT WE ARE NOT DOING TODAY

(Mr. WARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WARD. Mr. Speaker, I think that it is important, after just hearing from